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Confirmation No. 1520 Examiner TRAN, Nhan T.  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND MEDIUM CONTAINING  
IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

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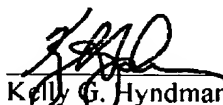
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